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IN REPLY
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO)

SUBJECT: Guidance for Disposition of Gas Masks and Filters

The Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) are to dispose of gas masks and filters locally after accomplishment of demilitarization as identified in DoD 4160.21-M-1, Appendix 4, Category X. These items are not be returned to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices.

The method and degree of demilitarization to be performed by the LEAs are as follows:

1. CANISTERS AND FILTERS will be demilitarized (destroyed) as economically as practicable in accordance with existing environmental standards, safety and operational regulations, to the point of assuring freedom from toxic and other environmental hazards. Recommend the canisters and filters be disposed of through the State/Local government hazardous material/waste program.
2. PROTECTIVE MASKS will have mouth plug removed from face piece and destroyed, and the face piece must be slashed. Recommend removal of eye slots and double slash bottom of mask near the chin. This will accomplish total destruction of the mask to prevent original use, repair, or restoration.

The LEA should provide to the LESO the following information on signed department letterhead, when demilitarization has been accomplished:

1. National Stock Number (NSN) and Quantity.
2. Document Number of the Original Issue.
3. Certification stating that the masks have been destroyed..

The LEA letter should be filed in the appropriate LESO files for audit purposes.

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